



Myles Standish State Forest

Department of Conservation and Recreation

AUGUST 2021 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Inclement weather cancels. For more information or to confirm, call (508) 866-2526.

Thursdays August 5, 12,

CREATURE FEATURE, 10:00-11:00 a.m., College

Pond

19, & 26

Visit the table behind the bathhouse at the College Pond Day Use Area to learn more about the wide variety of mammals that live in Myles Standish. For all ages. Parking fee applies.

Thursdays August 5 & WHO LIVES IN THE POND?, 1:00-2:00 p.m.,

Visit the Fearing Pond Day Use Area to learn about the plants and animals that live in the pond. Nets and buckets will be provided to catch the pond animals. Please wear shoes that can get wet and muddy. For ages 8+ years. Parking fee applies.

Thursdays August 12 & 26

JR. RANGER PROGRAM, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Headquarters In this series, learn how to hike, camp, and identify the animals of the forest like a real ranger! August 12: Camping; August 26: Animal ID. For ages 8—12 years. Free parking.

Fridays August 6, 13, & 20 TALKING TREES, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Headquarters

Learn about the most common trees in the Massachusetts Pine Barrens ecosystem and what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen. Program consists of a 2.6-mile hike around the East Head Reservoir. Parking is free of charge. For adults and children over the age of 8 years.

Saturdays August 7, 14, 21, & 28 **POND SHORE FORAY, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Fearing Pond**Come explore the secret world of the Coastal Plains Pond Community and the rich and varied life they support. Wear sturdy, water-resistant shoes. For ages 10+ years. Parking fee applies.

Saturdays August 7, 14, 21, & 28 NIGHT HIKE, 8:00-9:15 p.m., Headquarters

Join us on a guided walk through the night woods to discover how nocturnal birds and animals use their senses to survive at night. No flashlights allowed on this walk. Bring your insect repellent. Parking is free of charge. For those over the age of 8.

Sundays August 1, 15, & 29 CANNONBALLS & CRANBERRIES, 1:00 -2:30pm,

Rocky Pond

Join the park interpreter for a guided tour around a working cranberry bog and discover the fascinating history of the bog, from iron production to cranberry agriculture. Meet at parking lot 7 near Rocky Pond. Free parking. For ages 8+ years.

Sundays August 8 & 22 PINE BARRENS: A STROLL OF FIRE AND ICE, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Parking Lot 2

Join us on this gentle 1.6-mile hike through the famous Pine Barrens ecosystem of MSSF to discuss the natural history of the forest. Parking is free of charge. For ages 8+ years.

Sundays August 8 & 15 **BENTLEY LOOP HIKE, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Parking Lot 2** Join us for a 3.6-mile around the Bentley Loop and enjoy the several ponds and meadows along the trail. Meet at parking lot 2. Parking is free of charge. For those over the age of 8 years.

Sundays August 22 & 29 **EASTHEAD RAMBLE, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Headquarters** Join the park interpreter for a guided hike along the East Head Reservoir. Observe the wide range of wildlife that inhabits this wetland forest community. 2.6 miles long. For all ages. Starts at Parking Lot 1 next to the forest headquarters. Free parking.

How was your visit? Let us know! Mass.Parks@mass.gov.

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